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THE PUBLIC SCHOOL GRIND.

The complaint is frequently made against the American public school, that it is too much of a machine, that it offers no chance for the bright child. He must dwadle away his time, relieved by ty, have the best 'possum hunting recsticking pins in his next negihbor, while the rules of arithmetic and the facts of history are explained over and over again to slower

witted children. There are a host of people who learn only by their eyes, by seeing a thing done. You find it in every business office. There are some to whom it is absolutely no use to give extended verbal orders. You must do a thing and let them see you do it, and then they follow you by imitation if they can't by reason. So with children. The teacher must do the example over and over again before they can street in that city Sunday afternoon grasp the principle, which in the form of a written rule is meaning-

Meanwhile, what is the boy to do who takes to books as an Indian notes out with a shower of snowballs. to the chase?

Here is where the good teacher can make her value count. The bright child with a little help can always skip one or two grades in the years before the high school. Don't be afraid to let them try it. But it means that Teacher must stay after school a few moments. and untangle new and knotty problems.

There are few teachers who are unwilling to do this. The child who pushes ahead without prodding is such a relief, in contrast with the average listlessness of the school run, that the teacher usually ing is still a matter of mystery. It the branch, which seemed to be playfeels that here at least her work has some reward.

Much is said in the newspapers about the crowding of the public that large fragments of the wanderer took deliberate aim with his trusty school. Probably it does not pay to push a child if he does not wantto go. When you suggest to most of them that they go ahead and burial ground of any part of the aero- and stopped in the middle of the swift save a year, the reply is "We're getting our lessons and isn't that lite, even the most infinitesimal part current. No way to get there but to eough?" But don't let your boy expect that he is going through thereof. school without some work.

ONE EFFICIENT DEMOCRAT.

In marked contrast with the record of inefficiency made by almost that the varnish on the furniture peel- long chain. The animal was left for all other departments of the government service, the Interior De. ed off in great flakes, and water in a the trapper, who no doubt is wonderpartment, presided over by Secretary Franklin K, Lane, seems to have rendered a public service that shows originality and initiatiey in constructive work for the public work. The annual report of that department, which has just been made public, indicates a busi North Middletown. ness like management of nearly all the bureaus in his charge. This will be gratifying to all the people of the United States, regardless of party politics. It is a pleasure to Republicans, in particular, to . OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY . say a word of commendation of this department, and it is a matter of regret that we find-it impossible, with due regard to veracity, to give . to find, even in one instance, that the Democratic administration has

It is not to be overlooked, however, that Secretary Lane is not a writers of the present day, is 50 years & discovery of President Wilson. Mr. Lane was formerly a newspaper old today. An Englishman by birth, man on the Pacific coast, and was appointed a member of the Inter. be was apprenticed to a firm of ac-recognized by business men as one of the strongest members of that however, for during his youth he culbody. The recognition of his ability by a Republican President and tivated his love for literature, and at his retention as a member of the Commission by Republican admin 21 had his first volume, "My Ladies" istrations was what led to his recognition by President Wilson.

THE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T SAVE.

Very considerable success is being secured by banks and other in ness career to be a journalist. Mr. stitutions that run Christmas Savings Clubs. In many places people Le Gallienne was born at Liverpool on are willing to set aside a given sum every week for a year without any interest return. There are a great many people who simply can't save anything, unless they join some such plan and bind themselves room. His first real success as a writby some kind of pledge,

Such people do not plan out their expenditure in advance. They and London. Later he came to New take their weekly wage and spend it freely until it is gone. Then they sit tight, live scantily and borrow money until the "ghost walks" again, when once more they are in clover.

Such persons have a sanguine and happy go lucky temperament ton Perry, and they make their home which fears not the future. If they can get along without misfor- at Rowayton, Conn tune or special calls for funds they may enjoy life very well. But the rainy day comes at last. Unless one is to eat the bread of dependence in later years, the saving habit must become a lifelong policy, not one temporarily created by the incitement of a savings

REPRESENTATION OF COLORED VOTERS.

The New York World (Democratic) is hurling epithets at the Republican National Committee because the new apportionment of del egates will give a smaller representation to Southern states, which never help elect a Republican candidate. The particular complaint of the World is that the decrease in representation will be in states that send colored delegates. If the World is so solicitous for the welfare of the colored delegates, it can find plenty of room for agitation within the Democratic party. The last Republican National convention contained fifty-five colored delegates. The Democratic convention contained none, except that a colored alternate from Colorado was seated on the third day of the convention when his principal became ill . Now, let the World and all other Democrats shout hemselves hoarse over lack of representation for the colored voters.

The financial sharps of the Treasury Department believe that their proposed tax on gasoline will produce \$27,000,000 a year. This may he so. And every time a motorist has his gasolipe tank filled he will register anew his vow to vote against the party that put the

Never in his palmiest days as a college professor did Woodroy which he now sees in Congress. Mexico, the Trensury, the civil serlee, the navy, the army-Congress wants to know all about ever-

In writing up fashiousble weddings now it is customary to reak the diamend gifts by the quart rather than the dollar.



Possum Hunters Busy.

(Whitesburg East Kentucky News.) 'Possum hunting is the order of the night hereabouts and many a good, big, fat, slick rascal is being "cotch-

(Princeton Leader.) Austin Williamson and Mack Vinson of the Farmersville secton of the counord we have heard of this season. They have caught seventy-six 'possums in six weeks. Come on with "dem sweet

(Cynthiana Democrat.)

While the Maysville Brass Band was discoursing sweet music on Second praise. some naughty boys who couldn't distinguish a nocturne from a schooner of Ripley beer, knocked the minor The band broke off in the middle of Beethoven's 77th Etude and fugued the

May Be Going Yet.

(Bourbon News.)

flaming meteor that so startled Ken-

bucket gave off steam like a tea-

That meteor was "going some" for

Richard Le Gallienne, journalist of the state of the state of the state of the state of and author, one of the most brilliant Sonnets," privately printed. He was 1779-Benedict Arnold condemned to encouraged by his literary friends tocontinue his literary work and when he had served his apprenticeship in account he gave up a promising busi-January 20, 1866, the son of a merchant. He was sent to Liverpool College and then put into the counting er was as literary critic in Liverpool York, where he added to his fame in magazines and new books. Mr. Le Gallienne was married a few years ago to his third wife, who was Irma Hin-

M. Paul Cambon, famous French di plomat, 73 years old today.

Hon, Charles A. Lindbergh, Congressman from Minnesota, 57 years old today.

Josef Hofman, world famous pianist, 39 years old today

States Senator from North Carolina, 62 years old today.

Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, reform eader and suffragist of New York, 60 years old today.

Louisiana State University, 62 years William Sergeant Kendall, noted American artist, 47 years old today.

Rt. Rev. Leigh R. Brewer, Episcopal

River Stone and Sand Company Monday it cost that company \$600 to make one shot that caused 10,000 yards of metal to be torn out of the ground for crushing purposes. Of course the metal has to be loaded on the small car to be drawn up the "incline" by electric power to the immense rock crusher and then dumped into the large bins for crushing purposes. This company keeps a force of some thirty or forty hands at work each day to get out met al, crush rock, load same, dump it and many other things too numerous to mention in connection with this splendid plant./ It is a great enterprise and the Messrs. Ripy who compose the company, are deserving of much

Enterprising Firm.

(Anderson News.)

At the rock quarry of the Kentucky

(Middlesboro Three States.)

When it comes to hunting, John Chesney the popular secretary of the Manring Real Estate and Insurance Company, has the world skinned a country block. John arose the other morning at the break of day; the frost on the ground was almost as heavy as a large snow and he proceeded to The present whereabouts of the haunts of wild game on the outskirts of the city. In crossing a little revine tucky people last Wednesday morn- he spied an animal some distance up is claimed by a dozen or more towns ing and did not try to hide itself. John fell in their respective neighborhoods, gun and fired. His prey fell over into Paris modestly disclaims being the the branch and floated for a distance wade the branch and it was puzzling A young woman living near North to know why this varmint would stop Middletown told a Paris newspaper in the middle of the creek. Upon inman that when the meteor passed the vestigation, it was found to be a large home of Mr. E. K. Thomas, the at- muskrat caught in a trap and the trap before been able to make as nosphere was made so intensely hot tied to the bank of the creek with ing why the large rat could commit suicide in such a manner. This story is vouched for by Wade Gibson and we a staid and quiet community. like take no credit for the correctness of

of Boston, 87 years old today.

Brig. Gen. Harry R. Anderson, I S. A., retired, noted Indian fighter, 72

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

1779-Died David Garrick, the famous English actor, who formed a new era for the stage.

be reprimanded for a misdemeanor. independence of the United States. 1788-Colony formed at Sydney, Australia, consisting of English con-

1790-Lafayette urged dropping title of nobility; he renounced his own

1798-Frigate Crescent, loaded with present for the Bey of Algiers from the United States government, sailed from Portsmouth, N. H.

1861-Jefferson Davis, United State Senator from Mississippi, withdrew from Congress. 1877-Close of European conference

at Constantiaople; Turkey rejected proposals of the powers. 1901-Kaiser arrived in London be

cause of Queen Victoria's failing 1902-King Edward and President

Roosevelt exchanged the first wireless message Hon. Furnifold M. Simmons, United 1914-U. S. government began the task

of caring for Mexican federal refugees at Fort Bliss, Texas. 1915-Gutierrez proclaimed, his inde

pendence of Carranza and deposed Villa and Zapata as commanders. Dr. Thomas D. Boyd, president of 1915-The War-Germans claim gain

of 500 yards in the Argonne region. Weather stops fighting at Bukowina Germans and Russians in artillery duel. Small engagements on the western front

BOSTONIANS DINE AGED MAYOR.

deral officials will tender a compli-Choums N. Hart, former mayor of of the city will attend, with old-time colitical leaders.

A correspondent asks what has besome of the boy who could repeat the Westminster Catechism and ten or fifteen Psalms by heart. The editor hasn't seen anything of him lately, but he thinks it is his grandson who is never able to answer any questions in the Sunday School because he loses his lesson quarterly every week.

Congress is having a big old debate on preparedness, but the Congressmen won't know what their sacred and unalterable convictious are until they

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